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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 09/996,663  
Applicant(s) : DANIEL RAYMOND CERONE et al.  
Filed : November 29, 2001  
Title : Container Including a Slider, a Reclosable Fastener, and a Track  
Including a Ramp  
TC/A.U. : 3651  
Examiner : R. Hylton  
Conf. No. : 4856  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF JULY 08, 2003**

Mail Stop 313(c)  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

In response to the Office Action of December 24, 2003, consider the following remarks.

35 USC §103(a) rejection:

The Office Action has rejected claims 1 - 20 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Randall et al. (US 6,125,239) in view of Herrington et al. (US 5,189,764) Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Randall et al. illustrates a container comprising a lid and a body, a reclosable fastener having a first end and a second end and comprising a portion of the lid and a portion of the body in combination. Applicants submit that the reclosable fastener comprising a portion of the lid and a